

GERMAN ANSWER UNSATISFACTORY

Washington Officialdom not
Optimistic Over the
Outlook

MAKES CONCESSIONS

Reply of Kaiser to America's Note
Coming in Fragments—Some Ex-
press Hopefulness

Washington, May 5.—Germany an-
nounces that she has issued the fol-
lowing new instructions to her sub-
marine commanders:

"In accordance with the general
principles of visit and search and the
destruction of merchant vessels re-
cognized by international law such
vessels, both within and without the
area declared a naval war zone, shall
not be sunk without warning and
without saving human lives unless
the ship attempts to escape or offer
resistance."

The prevailing opinion, expressed
privately among officials, is that while
the note is bolstered about with a
mass of verbiage calculated to soften
its effect on the people of Germany,
it goes sufficiently far in meeting the
demands of the United States as to
remove the possibility of a fan-
y immediate break in diplomatic relations.

Berlin, May 5.—The German gov-
ernment has now decided to make
further concession, adapting methods
of submarine warfare to the inter-
est of neutrals.

This is one of the declarations in
Germany's reply to President Wilson's
note demanding cessation of the
"present methods" of submarine war-
fare on pain of severance of diplo-
matic relations.

The note, in this connection says:
"As the German government has
repeatedly declared, it cannot dispense
with the use of submarines as a
weapon in the conduct of warfare
against enemy trade."

Washington, May 5.—Germany will
not accept unconditionally President
Wilson's demand that she "declare and
effect" an immediate cessation of her
present methods of submarine war-
fare. The German note in reply to
the President's ultimatum of two
weeks ago will put forward propo-
sals for a limitation of the submarine
campaign, as a basis for an agree-
ment with the United States, to be
come effective provided the United
States assents to certain conditions.

The foregoing statements are based
upon information conveyed to Presi-
dent Wilson in a message from Am-
bassador Gerard, written upon his re-
turn to Berlin from conference with
the Kaiser and the Imperial Chan-
cellor at German headquarters. The
Ambassador's report was written be-
fore he received the German Govern-
ment's formal reply to the American
note and its information was confined
to the impressions gained by the
Ambassador during his stay at the
front. He indicated that he expected
to be handed the German note within
48 hours.

In the light of the information con-
veyed in the Ambassador's report, the
highest significance was attached in
official circles to the authoritative
statement, last night, that President
Wilson will immediately reject any
reply from Germany which does not
meet the full measure of his de-
mands.

It is asserted emphatically that the
President will not consider any propo-
sals made by Germany conditional
upon steps being taken by the United
States to bring the British blockade
within the confines of international
law. This is one of the conditions
which has been mentioned in unoffi-
cial dispatches of the last few days
as a probable provision of the Ger-
man note.

The President's determination to
act drastically as soon as an unsat-
isfactory reply from Berlin is received
was reflected yesterday in a confer-
ence held with Chairman Hay of
the House Committee on Military Af-
fairs. The President is understood to
have expressed the wish that the con-
ference committee of the House and
Senate on the Army bill should ex-
pedite its deliberations, instead of
delaying longer over the pros and

cons of the House plan for Federaliz-
ing the militia and the Senate plans
for a national volunteer force.

Officials believe that the President's
first step after the severance of diplo-
matic relations will be to call upon
Congress to pass the army and navy
program as emergency measures. The
President is said to have no illusions
about the possibility of avoiding war
if diplomatic relations are broken. He
is expected to take steps immediately
to place the army and navy on a war
footing, and to have everything in
readiness for a declaration of war in
the event that another submarine out-
rage involving American citizens is
committed.

FAIRFAX COUNTY NEWS.

Committee Named to Consider New
Court House Building—Prop-
erty Sales.

The board of supervisors of Fair-
fax county have appointed the fol-
lowing committee to act with the
board and to report upon the advis-
ability of building a new county court
house, for fairfax county: E. L. Ro-
bey, John T. DeBall, M. D. Hall,
George K. Pickett, M. E. Church,
D. S. Mackall, C. Vernon Ford,
Thomas R. Keith, John D. Garrett,
Dr. Hugh B. Hutchinson and F.
W. Richardson.

Ballston Council, Junior Order
United American Mechanics, will
raise an American flag over Annan-
dale school, Fairfax county, next
Friday at 3 o'clock. Addresses will
be made by Franklin Williams, Jr.,
and others of Alexandria city and
county.

The Democratic County Commit-
tee met here on Monday and fixed
upon Saturday, May 27th, as the date
for the District meeting to appoint
delegates to the State Convention
that meets at Roanoke on June 2nd.

The Board of Supervisors has re-
commended to the Fish and Game
Association the following gentlemen,
one of whom to be appointed as Game
Warden for Fairfax county: C. O.
Pullman, A. J. Payne, Harry White,
M. W. Davis, A. J. Hunt, J. C.
Hunter, A. F. Burgess, C. N. Stew-
art, G. C. White and J. W. Foster.

M. W. Fox was awarded the con-
tract to build the bridge over Captain
Hickory branch in Dranesville dis-
trict.

In looking over the list of real
estate transfers in the various mag-
isterial districts of the county for
the year 1915, some remarkable co-
incidences are noted. In Lee and Cen-
trelyle, (which constitute one as-
sessor's district) there were 82 trans-
fers; in Dranesville district there
were 92 transfers, and in Falls
Church district there were 92. In
Mt. Vernon district there were 88
transfers, only 4 less than the above
number. In Providence district there
were 174 transfers—within two of
being double the number in Mount
Vernon.

The farm owned by the late F. P.
Grimsley, 1 1/2 miles from Pohick
Station, in Lee district, and contain-
ing 101 acres, was sold here on Mon-
day, by Commissioners T. R. Keith,
and R. E. Thornton, for \$4,700 Mr.
C. Walter Beattie was the purchas-
er. The tract contains a quantity of
excellent timber. Mr. E. F. Craw-
ford has sold his farm of 174 acres,
near Annandale, known as "Aspen
Hill," to Mr. E. P. Taylor, of Wash-
ington, D. C., for \$16,000.

ORDER EASTERN STAR

Meeting of Grand Chapter at Nor-
folk this Week

The Grand chapter Order East-
ern Star met at Norfolk on Wednes-
day. It will adjourn today after of-
ficers shall have been elected. The
following from Martha Washington
Chapter, No. 42, attended the meet-
ing: Mrs. F. W. Latham, Worthy
Matron; Mrs. George H. Schwarz-
mann, Associate Matron; Miss Lucy
Graves, Past Worthy Matron; Miss
Myrtle Graves, Mrs. Smith, and
Henry K. Field, Past Worthy Patron

LECTURE ON TOLSTOI

By Mrs. Jean McArthur Hyde
For the Benefit of Alexandria Free
Kindergarten.

Tuesday afternoon May 9th
At Lee Camp Hall,
From 4 to 6 o'clock. Lecture at 4
o'clock, then Russian Tea.
Admission 25 cents

PROVIDES BASIS OF CO-OPERATION

Tentative Agreement Be-
tween Scott and Obre-
gon Acceptable

CORDIAL RELATIONS

Ratification of Plan Will Dispose of
Disturbing Situation in Northern
Mexico

Washington, May 5.—President
Wilson announced last night that the
tentative agreement between Generals
Scott and Obregon regarding the
future operations of the American
and Mexican military forces in Mexi-
co, "provides a basis of co-operation
which promises to prevent misunder-
standings and strengthens the cordial
relations of the two republics."

Although there was no formal an-
nouncement of the action, notification
that the Scott-Obregon agreement is
acceptable to the American govern-
ment was telegraphed to Gen. Scott
at El Paso last night by Secretary
Baker Gen. Scott is authorized to ex-
change formal acceptances with Gen.
Obregon, as soon as the latter has
obtained approval of Gen. Carranza,
and officials here are confident that
it will be tomorrow or Saturday.

President Wilson issued this state-
ment:

"I have examined, with the Secre-
tary of War, the report made by Gen.
Hugh L. Scott, of the conference be-
tween him and Gen. Obregon, Sec-
retary of War of the republic of Mexi-
co.

"The report includes a tentative
agreement covering the future opera-
tions of both the American and Mexi-
can military forces and evidences cor-
dial co-operation between the two
governments in their common purpose.

"As this agreement is being submit-
ted to the de facto government of
Mexico, it would not be proper for
me to permit its publication until that
government has had an opportunity
to examine and consider its provisions.
The full text of the proposed agree-
ment will be given out immediately
upon its acceptance by both govern-
ments. In general I may say that it
provides a basis of co-operation which
promises to prevent misunderstanding
and strengthens the cordial relations
of the two republics."

CARDINALS PLAY VIGILANTS.

The Cardinal Athletic Club base-
ball team will go against the unde-
feated and fast-going nine of the
Vigilant next Sunday. The visitors
will bring to town a strong and hard-
hitting team, with King Bradg or Lay-
erine pitching, backed up by Wood or
Myers, as catchers. The Cardinals
and Vigilants have for years been
great rivals in athletics and when
these teams meet a battle royal is
sure to be witnessed.

The Cardinals believe in the "pre-
paredness doctrine," and will have
their machine gun men—Albaugh,
Walter Allensworth, Bischof, Risdon
and Big Jim Sweeney, ready with
their hot shot to mow down the en-
emy. Giovannetti, or McBride will
be behind the bat. "Home Run" Snow-
den is expected to be on hand to help
win the game with a couple of his
wallpops Manager Crump will prob-
ably use the following line up:

Merchant, first base; Degnan or
Cudmore, second base; Devers, third
base; Purdy, short-stop; Owens, right
field; Snowden, center field; Tommy
O'Donnell, left field; White, Cornell
and Sillex, utility players.

Manager Vic Gauzza will arrive
with the Vigilants in time to start
the game about 2:30 p. m., in the
Cardinal Baseball Park.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS
AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

MONEY TO LOAN HOWARD W. SMITH

107 N. Fairfax St.
In any amount from \$1000
to \$10,000. Immediately
available.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Julian T. Burke has been named a
notary public by Governor Stuart.

The heirs of the late John A. Mar-
shall have sold to Charles H. Zimmer-
man a lot in Market Alley.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah
Catherine Wells will take place from
114 north Fairfax street at 2 o'clock
tomorrow afternoon.

In the circuit court for Alexandria
County, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, a
decree has been entered granting a
divorce to Clinton C. Hunter from
Evelyn Ortleib Hunter on the ground
of desertion.

WILL LAND MARINES.

Commander Crosley Sends Warning
to the Dominican Officials.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Repub-
lic, May 5.—Commander W. S. Cros-
ley, of the United States converted
cruiser (Prairie, yesterday sent a
note to the president of the Senate and
Chamber of Deputies advising them
of the probable landing of forces from
the warship for the protection of the
American Legation and warning them
that severe steps would be taken in
case the marines were molested. Con-
siderable patriotic excitement was
caused by the notice.

William W. Russell, the American
minister, yesterday conferred with
the presidents of the Supreme Court,
the Senate and the Chamber of De-
puties, who requested the minister to
prevent a landing of American forces
As a result of the conference it was
decided to ask President Jimenez to
appoint civil officers and forces of
the rural guards to maintain order
in the city.

Washington, May 5.—Rear Admi-
ral Caperton, commanding the Ameri-
can naval forces in Dominican waters,
is under broad instructions to use
whatever force is necessary to main-
tain the constitutional government
in the Dominican Republic. The Ad-
miral recently went to the capital
with instructions from Washington
which declared the United States
considered the impeachment of Presi-
dent Jimenes a thinly veiled revo-
lutionary plot. If necessary, Ad-
miral Caperton may land blue-jackets
and marines.

The Senate yesterday voted to give
the president an eight-day respite to
appear and answer the charges
against him.

BOY'S BODY FOUND

Victim Cruelly Mistreated and Mur-
dered by a Man

Philadelphia, May 4.—The body of
8-year-old Richard Meekins, cruelly
mistreated and murdered by a man
who abducted him November 29 last,
was found yesterday. A man's hand-
kerchief, knotted about the child's
neck, showed he had been strangled.

Little Richard's body lay, covered
by brush, on a piece of high land in
a marsh, at a point that is approxi-
mately Sixty-ninth street and Botanic
road.

The spot is identical with that
marked on a rude map traced on the
back of an anonymous letter received
by the child victim's parents, Janu-
ary 29. The writer of the letter said
he had kidnapped Richard and inti-
mated he had killed him December 5.

Parents of the lad were notified,
and the father met the patrol wagon
as it carried the body, little more
than a skeleton, to the morgue. A
glance at the clothing confirmed his
fears.

"It's my poor little boy," he sobbed.
Mrs. Meekins, who had hoped and
prayed for the safe return of her
boy, is in a state of nervous collapse.
She had confidently hoped the child
would be restored to her, and at
Christmas she trimmed a tree for him
and bought some little gifts. Easter
found a bunny in a basket awaiting
Richard's return.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator
of the estate of the late Mahala
Johnson, all persons who are indebt-
ed to said estate are requested to
make prompt settlement with the
undersigned and all persons to whom
the estate is indebted are requested
to send me their bills, properly au-
thenticated.

DOUGLASS STUART, Admor.

CURTAIN OF FIRE HALTS GERMANS

Engagement Only Fighting
by Infantry on West-
ern Front

BIG GUNS ARE ACTIVE

Violent Bombardment Reported in Re-
gion of Hill 304, Northwest of
Verdun

London, May 5.—Hilaire Belloc, the
famous military critic and expert
says: "The battle of Verdun is won."

The greatest battle ever fought,
an action with consequences that will
affect the whole future of mankind
almost as much as the original vic-
tory on the Marne, has been won by
the French.

For the Germans it means that the
effort on which they concentrated the
whole of their available resources,
for which they had spent months in
preparation and which they had such
confidence that they risked open de-
clarations of victory and definite pro-
phesies of success, has resulted for
them in bloody and irreparable de-
feat.

Paris, May 5.—German troops made
a violent attack last night against
French positions north of Hill 304
the keystone of the French defense
northwest of Verdun, the attack be-
ing preceded by violent artillery fir-
ing.

The Germans entered French ad-
vanced trenches at a few points, the
war office announced, but elsewhere
were repulsed.

East of the Meuse and in the
Woivre intermittent bombardment
occurred. South of the Somme a Ger-
man attack failed.

The French curtain of fire has re-
pulsed another German attack
against trenches which the French
recently captured at Le Mort Hom-
me. This engagement, characterized
by Paris as a small one, has been
the only fighting by infantry on the
French and Belgium fronts. The big
guns, however, have not ceased their
activity on various sectors. A very
violent bombardment is reported in
the region of hill 304, northwest of
Verdun.

Paris, May 5.—The advance of the
French in the district of Dead Man
Hill, on the Verdun front, was con-
tinued during the night, the War of-
fice announced. The gains made were
increased and consolidated.

As a consequence of the French
artillery preparations at Dead Man
Hill Wednesday, the statement said,
two Germans surrendered, stating
they were the sole survivors of the
men in their trench.

Elsewhere west of the Meuse there
was active fighting with artillery.
An engagement with grenades occur-
red in Avocourt wood.

In the region of Vaux east of the
Meuse, there was an artillery en-
counter.

French artillery destroyed a muni-
tions depot at Grande Dune, Belgium.
Berlin, May 5.—It is officially an-
nounced that the French have ob-
tained a foothold in one of the Ger-
man advance posts south of Dead
Man Hill.

The announcement was made in the
army headquarters statement.

MR. PAGE ON PEACE.

The Ambassador Thinks It Will Come
Suddenly and Follow a Great
Victory.

Washington, May 5.—Thomas Nel-
son Page American ambassador to
Italy, who saw President Wilson yes-
terday, said that he saw no immediate
prospect for peace in Europe but
believed that when peace came it
would be suddenly, just as the war
was begun.

He thought peace would follow a
great victory. He did not think that
efforts to mediate would be welcom-
ed at this time.

Ambassador Page conferred for an
hour with the President on conditions
in Italy and sentiment in other parts
of Europe.

Oysters in All Styles At The Ram-
mel Cafe.

STRIKE ORDER HELD BACK

Railroad Telegraphers Will Await
Arbitration Move.

New York, May 5.—Definite an-
nouncement was made yesterday by
H. B. Perham, president of the
Order of Railway Telegraphers, that
no strike order would go out last
night, as had been planned, to the 5-
000 telegraphers and signalmen of
the New York Central and Nickel
Plate Railroads.

This decision was reached after
G. W. W. Hanger, Federal mediator
had proffered his services and effort
to terminate the controversy arising
out of the employees demands for
better wages, a shorter working day
and union recognition.

Mr. Perham explained that he was
sending a telegram to the union
leaders, in cities along the railroad
lines between New York and Chic-
ago, to ascertain their attitude toward
Mr. Hanger's offer, and that replies
were not expected until tomorrow.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Austrian aviators, besides dropping
poisoned candy over Italian cities, are
now resorting to cigarettes, loaded
with dynamite, which they are drop-
ping on the Italian front, with the
object of inducing Italian soldiers to
pick them up.

There is unquestionably a strong
undercurrent of peace talk in Berlin
at present. There is a general feeling
among all classes in Germany that
the war ought to end by fall. Some-
persons declare peace should be made
by November. The impression pre-
vails that all belligerents would like
to avoid another winter campaign.

James M. Sullivan, former United
States Minister to Santo Domingo,
has been arrested in Dublin in con-
nection with the Sinn Fein uprising.
Sullivan has been brought to London
and probably will be placed on trial
there. Sullivan was formerly a resi-
dent of New York, where he practiced
law.

Attacking his wife while under the
influence of liquor, Lawrence Gary-
nates, aged 46 years, was slain yes-
terday at Wilmington, Del., yesterday
by his son, Louis Garynates, who
went to the rescue of his mother.
Fearing that his mother would be
killed, the youth struck his father
with a baseball bat, crushing his
skull. The man died 30 minutes later.
The son was arrested on a charge of
murder.

Divorce proceedings based on de-
sertion have been instituted in Bos-
ton against Mrs. June L. Keyes,
daughter of Mrs. Jennie Eaton Ains-
worth who was acquitted on a charge
of poisoning her husband, Rear Ad-
miral Joseph Giles Eaton, U. S. N.
Mrs. Keyes, was a stepdaughter of
Rear Admiral Eaton, who died sud-
denly at his home in Norwell, Mass.,
on March 8, 1913. Ralph P. Keyes,
husband of Mrs. Ainsworth's daugh-
ter, filed divorce papers in East
Cambridge, alleging that his wife de-
serted him March 14, 1913 about a
year after they were married.

A man who said he was Alexander
H. Summers, 32 years old, of West-
wood, Md., was arrested in Washing-
ton yesterday charged with assault
in connection with an alleged attack
Wednesday afternoon on Miss Pauline
Mudd, a Hyattsville, Md., school teach-
er as she was walking home from
school along a lonely road. Summers
at first denied that he had approach-
ed Miss Mudd, the police say, but
later admitted that he caught hold
of her arm and asked her to go down
in the woods with him.

The London newspapers announce
that Sir Matthew Nathan, undersec-
retary for Ireland, has resigned. In-
tense and bitter feeling has been
aroused in some quarters by the sum-
mary court-martial and execution of
Patrick H. Pearse, self-proclaimed
"provisional president of the re-
public of Ireland," and other leaders
who took an active part in the Sinn
Fein uprising, although there is a
strong opinion, both in and out of
official circles, that stern measures
were necessary to prevent further
outcroppings of rebellion.

SAVE MONEY!

Have your Papering done
by Rawlett.

Paper at Cost.

304 King Street

CONTEST FOR COMMITTEEMAN

Entrance of Rorer A. James
Into Race is Per-
plexing

GLASS'S SUPPORTERS

Congressman From Lynchburg De-
clines He Will Not Step Aside for
Man From Danville

Washington, May 5.—While Rep-
resentative Carter Glass has never in-
tended to engage in a formal cam-
paign for the position of national
committeeman, it can be definitely
stated that he will accept the berth
if it is tendered him by the Roanoke
convention, notwithstanding the avo-
ided candidacy of former State Sen-
ator Rorer A. James, of Danville. In
other words, the Lynchburg Con-
gressman will not himself make any
aggressive or organized contest for
the place, but his name will go be-
fore the State convention, regard-
less of whether or not Mr. James
and his friends bitterly fight him.

Mr. Glass's candidacy for the na-
tional committee membership from
Virginia is the result of suggestions
from Senator Martin and Representa-
tive Flood, who promised him their
support in the event he permitted the
use of his name. Later, Representa-
tives Hay, Watson, Holland, Jones,
and Montague voluntarily offered
their support should he be a candi-
date. During the past few days, since
Mr. James entered the race, Repre-
sentatives Hay, Flood, Watson, Hol-
land, Jones and Montague have re-
iterated to Mr. Glass their intention
of supporting him before the Roanoke
convention.

The Virginia Democratic leaders in
Washington are plainly embarrassed
by Mr. James's candidacy in view of
their promises to Mr. Glass. They
feel that they are responsible for Mr.
Glass's announcement, as they had
urged him to stand for national com-
mitteeman in view of the conspicu-
ous service he has rendered the De-
mocratic party and the Wilson ad-
ministration in Congress. They felt
that recognition was coming to him
from the Democracy of his own State.
Mr. James and many of the Virginia
leaders in Washington are warm
personal friends. They also realize
that he has a claim upon their in-
fluences for any party honors he may
desire. Therefore, Mr. James's candi-
dacy, coming as it did after the big
party leaders in Washington had urged
Mr. Glass to become a candidate
and promised him their support when
he consented, has created serious em-
barrassment.

Senator Martin last night stated
that he could not discuss the situation
arising out of the candidacy of Mr.
James. Mr. Glass also declined to
discuss the matter.

The Democratic leaders are making
efforts to straighten out the situation.

WILL TRY TO COME BACK

Lorimer Wants to Pay and Return
to the Senate.

Chicago, Ill., May 5.—William
Lorimer, acquitted Wednesday night
on charges connected with the failure
of the La Salle Street Trust and Sav-
ings Bank, of which he was president
announced yesterday he would again
be a candidate for the United States
Senate, from which he was ousted.

"I will re-enter politics as soon as
I have paid off depositors in the
bank," he said. "I expect to have my
financial affairs cleared up within a
year."

As the clerk read the verdict there
was a rush of spectators to shake the
hand of Lorimer, as he stood in front
of the judge's bench. Lorimer, ad-
dressing the jury said:

"I want to say to you that in giv-
ing me liberty the people who de-
posited money in the La Salle Street
Bank, beginning with those who can,
least afford to lose, will have all of
my services, all of the money I can
earn with the exception of that nec-
essary to support my family, until
every obligation has been discharged
and every dollar has been paid back."